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"W E L C O M E"

says Camp Director Brigham to 1940 CAMPERS!

Our group left for the National Camp on June 5. We motored to Chicago where we joined four delegates of other Midwestern States. From there we took a chartered bus and went through Detroit, up through Canada, and east by way of Niagara Falls. From there we went to the New York Fair and then on to Washington, D. C. We reached the city about 6 o'clock, but were rather late in reaching camp for it took us about an hour to find an eating place.

Upon reaching camp we registered and went over to the opening meeting of the camp, where we had the opportunity to meet some of the other delegates. First we had a short talk by Assistant Director Reuben Brigham and then were led in group singing by Ella Gardner. This we all found to be much fun, for she has the ability to make everyone feel that he has been singing with the same people before. After this we had the introduction of the different State delegates and their leaders. This was very interesting and thrilling for it gave us a chance to see how widespread is the 4-H organization. It also made it easier for us to get acquainted after the meeting. Next was given a short talk in which we were told traditions of the National Camp. These we are all going to try our very best to uphold.

We were all sorry that we could not hold our opening campfire meeting, but the weather man thought it best to delay it until another night. After the meeting we were given a short time to get acquainted with the delegates from the other States. This was very interesting and a great deal of fun.

Here are the opening remarks made by Assistant Director Brigham to welcome us to the 1940 National Camp:

"We welcome you to the Fourteenth National 4-H Club Camp to be held in your Nation's Capital. We of the Department of Agriculture are particularly glad to have this opportunity to have you in Washington. We look forward every year to the coming of the State delegates to the National Camp. We are especially happy in having you with us this year.

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"You bring to us the thinking and the hopes and aspirations of many homes and communities in many States. Then, too, you look forward, not backward. You look at life and the future as something that is to be, rather than as something half spent and behind. This, indeed, will be your great contribution to this camp and conference. We need your help and enthusiasm in sizing up the present situation and what we should do to meet it all along the line. Since you so well represent the interests and thinking of the American home, and particularly the farm home, I know that in your conferences this week you will contribute greatly to our thinking and to our encouragement in our united effort to preserve the essential values of the American home and the American way of living.

"We hope that you will find many things of interest and of help to you during your visit here in Washington. The Nation's Capital, after all, gives back to you only that which you bring to it. Just as we know that we will be strengthened by our visit with you here and will be inspired and encouraged by your presence, we hope that the many things which you will see and hear in Washington will intensify your appreciation of your own homes and your own desire to make the life of your community happier, more satisfying, and contributing to the strength of the Nation.

"This is your camp. I know you will bring to it the cooperation and enthusiasm which will make it the most successful camp we have ever had. This will require a united effort, and this unity we will now symbolize by lighting our first campfire."

Winston Markegard

Winston Markegard
North Dakota

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All the delegations arrived in time to respond to the State roll call at the formal opening of Camp at 8 p.m., June 12.

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The time and place of the CITIZENSHIP CEREMONIAL has been changed. It will be held at 9 o'clock, Friday morning, June 14, at the west end of the Reflection Pool between the Washington Monument and the Lincoln Memorial.

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GETTING SETTLED AT NATIONAL CAMP

WASHINGTON, here we come! Oh my, we're really here and, yes, as we motor through the District of Columbia, our eyes blink as we get our first honest-to-goodness glimpse of the WASHINGTON MONUMENT. Pictures don't tell lies because it really IS magnificent.

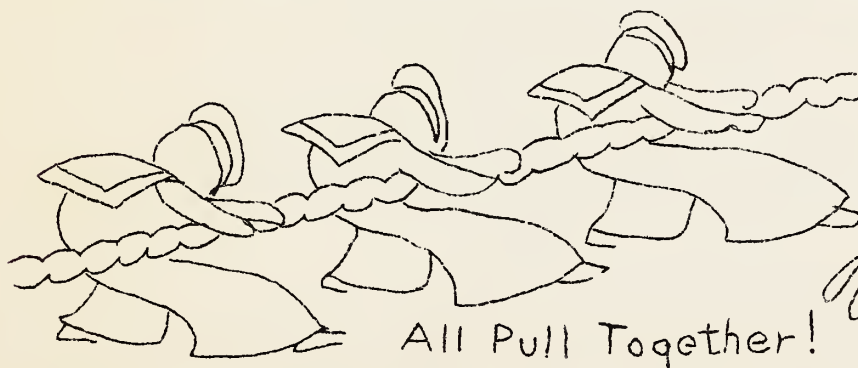
Our eyes are now down to earth again after gazing heavenward at the Monument, and we start on a frantic search for tents. We gaze intently through our car windows. There they are -- a whole city of tents -- right in the shadow of the ever-present Monument.

Approaching the campgrounds slowly, we see license plates from, oh, so many different States, and we find out later that even the Philippines and Puerto Rico are represented at camp. We park our cars and then go to the Administration Tent to register.

Right now the State leaders are renewing old acquaintances. Here we are mingling with boys and girls and leaders from practically every State. (Isn't it amazing how a smile and a few kind words gain friends?) We'll get better acquainted with these people later, but just now we're eager to find out which State delegation is going to be in our tent. Ours is tent 19, and the Kentucky delegates are our tentmates. There seems to be quite a scramble in finding places to hang our wearing apparel. Can you imagine six girls with all their paraphernalia trying to find places to hang everything in one tent? What would we do if we were wearing hoop skirts? When suitcases are jammed the only thing left is the foot of the bed. Finally everything is arranged in shipshape order. And just remember, there is a pressing tent to help us keep that trim 4-H appearance.

Camp isn't school, but everywhere are bulletin boards to remind us of coming events. The camp is modern and up-to-date in every way. The tents make us feel like one big happy family even though they're different from our homes. The real test will come when it rains.

Our first impressions of Camp are most favorable. Our reception to Camp shows a great deal of careful planning beforehand. We certainly are appreciative of it and know that the next 7 days are going to be as inspirational as the first. LET'S KEEP UP THE SPIRIT AND DO OUR PART. Here's to you fellow campers!



All Pull Together!

Verna Jandt

It ain't the individual nor the Camp as a whole,
But the everlastin' teamwork of every bloomin' soul.

Verna Jandt,
Wisconsin.

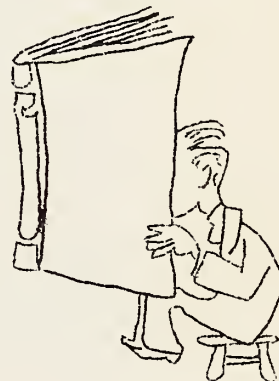
INVITATION TO THE 4-H BOOK NOOK

If you're looking for a Washington guidebook, a dictionary, or today's newspaper, you'll find them all in the 4-H BOOK NOOK where Miss Feldkamp has assembled three different assortments of books for you and your club libraries.

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By all means, visit the BOOK NOOK and let Miss Feldkamp tell you more about these interesting volumes.

Lists of books on display will be available for all delegates who visit the BOOK NOOK and leave their names.

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All the Washington newspapers are on file in the Press Tent -- the Washington Post, the Evening Star, the Daily News, and the Times-Herald.

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Here are the assignments for the 4-H Record reporters covering the events of Friday, Saturday, and Sunday.

For further information regarding these articles, inquire in Press Tent - immediately after breakfast would be a good time.

Please sign full name to manuscripts and turn in to Record office as soon as possible.

Friday, June 14 (Flag Day):

Robert Summers, Illinois - Citizenship Ceremonial.
 Ruth Van Patten, New York - Visitors.
 Margaret Nelson, Minnesota - Visiting the White House.
 Willard Bristol, Connecticut - The Lincoln Memorial.
 Minta Fischer, Nebraska - The Cathedral.
 Gustaf Anderson, Rhode Island - The Library of Congress.

Saturday, June 15:

Staley Hahn, Maryland - "New Horizons" by Director Wilson.
 Irvin Pinder, Delaware - Genevieve Forbes Herrick's Address.
 Lillian Tindall, New Jersey - Broadcasting from National Camp.
 Merlin Hodgson, South Dakota - The Capitol.
 Sue Parker, North Carolina - Folger Library.
 Willie Mae Gaughf, Mississippi - Camp Carnival.
 Lillie York, New Mexico - Garden Party.
 Bob Hurst, Colorado - Interview Camp Veteran "Bill" Lehmann.
 Helen Mummert, Pennsylvania - Interview Veteran Newsman.
 Eva Kurtz, Wyoming - Interview Camp Veteran Mary Mooney.

Sunday, June 16:

Marion Provencher, New Hampshire -
 Going to church in Washington.
 Hubert Mikell, Georgia - Arlington
 National Cemetery.

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in action*

